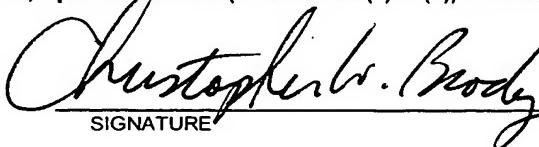


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT / JP 2003/009876	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 04/AUG/2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 05/AUG/2002
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RECOVERING PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS (AS AMENDED)		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Koji YAMADA, Masahiko OGINO, Nobuyasu EZAWA AND Hiroshi TNOUE		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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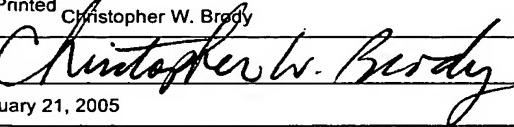
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